

**HOPKINTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL
DECEMBER 15, 2010 - DRAFT**

Members Present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Chair; Tom O'Donnell, HVP Representative; Mark Hemmerlein, CVP Representative; Tim Carney, David Lancaster, Cameron Ford, Don Lane, Jim O'Brien, Selectmen Representative; David Luneau, School Board Representative

Others Present: Neil Cass, Town Administrator

Absent: Karen Irwin

1. Minutes:

Chairman Janet Krzyzaniak opened the meeting at 6:30 PM by reviewing the December 8 minutes. Cameron Ford and David Lancaster requested a few changes to the minutes. A motion to approve the December 8 minutes by David Lancaster and second by Tim Carney, all was in favor. Denise will make the corrections to the minutes.

2. Warrant Articles:

Warrant Articles 1 - 11 represent the general operating budget of the town. Warrant Article 12 is for a Revolving Fund for Public safety. Warrant Article 13 is for the Capital Reserve Accounts. Warrant Article 14 is for the Library accounts. Warrant Article 15 is to take the money out of the Pay by Bag fund. Warrant Article 16 is a petition to eliminate the Pay by Bag program submitted with over 100 signatures on it. Warrant Article 17 is possibly the same as article 16; however, a petition has not been received. Warrant Article 18 is to vote on the prices of the PAYT bags, which will stay the same for 2011. Warrant Article 19, the Selectman would like to pay off the Open Space bond for the Bohanan Farm. No money to be raised by taxation. Warrant Articles 20 and 21 does away with three specific cemetery bonds. Then it establishes a Capital Reserve Fund. This will allow the trustees to approach the Selectmen for approval to expend said money. Cameron Ford felt that Article 21 needed to be reworded and explained a bit better. The money in Article 20 should be stated

in Article 13. Warrant Articles 22 and 23 is to see if the town will discontinue the Ambulance Service Revolving fund and create a Capital Reserve fund. This fund would be just for the ambulance and its equipment. Warrant Article 24 is about changing the purpose of the existing "Replacement of Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund" to the "Transfer Station Equipment and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund" and to appoint a selectman as agents to expend from said funds. Warrant Articles 25, 26, and 27 have to do with conservation easements. Warrant Article 28 is about providing winter plowing and sanding of private roads. Legally the town cannot expend money on private roads without the permission of the town's people. Tim Carney stated that according to the State of New Hampshire law, it is illegal for the town to plow private roads.

3. Other Issues:

Janet Krzyzaniak asked if Bob Blanchette could put together a report reflecting the unexpended revenues. At this time, Neil Cass is waiting for the Rooms and Meals revenues. Last year this revenue did not come in until 30 December.

4. Public Concerns or Comments:

There were none. No public present.

Motion to adjourn made by Cameron Ford and second by Tim Carney.
The Budget Committee adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Damour